

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.- 8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) A device for supporting a patient with respect to a computer tomography device, comprising:

a gantry with an examination aperture operable to receive a patient to be examined; and

a height adjusting device operable to support a stretcher;

wherein the height adjusting device is mounted on the computer tomography device displaced laterally from the examination aperture.

10. (New) The device of Claim 9 further comprising:

a load-bearing support arm operable to support the stretcher and connected with the height adjusting device such that the load-bearing support arm is adjustable in height, the load-bearing support arm rotatable about an axis.

11. (New) The device of claim 10, wherein the load-bearing arm is mounted to the height adjusting device with a rotary bearing operable to support the stretcher rotatably about an axis.

12. (New) The device of Claim 11 further comprising:

a stretcher guide mounted on the rotary bearing, the stretcher guide operable to support the stretcher for longitudinal displacement.

13. (New) The device of claim 9, further comprising

a stretcher guide adapted to slidably receive the stretcher, the stretcher guide connected with the height adjusting device.

14. (New) The device of claim 10, wherein the axis of rotation of the support arm is a vertical axis with respect to the mounting surface of the computer tomography device.

15. (New) The device of claim 13, wherein the stretcher guide is mounted to a load-bearing support arm so as to be rotatable about a vertical axis.

16. (New) The device of claim 13, wherein the stretcher guide is adapted to permit a stretcher inserted therein to be displaced horizontally.

17. (New) The device of claim 9, further comprising
a second height adjusting device mounted on the computer tomography device, the second height adjusting device displaced laterally from the examination aperture.

18. (New) The device of claim 17 wherein the second height adjusting device is operable to support a stretcher adjustably in height.

19. (New) The device of claim 17 further comprising:
a second load-bearing support arm rotatable about an axis through the second height-adjusting device; and
a second stretcher guide mounted to the second support arm.

20. (New) The device of claim 17, wherein the stretcher guide and the second stretcher guide are disposed at opposite sides of the examination aperture.

21. (New) The device of claim 9, wherein the height adjustable device is rotatable about a vertical axis.

22. (New) A medical system, comprising:
a computerized tomography device having an X-ray source and an X-ray detector disposed within a gantry having an aperture configured for accepting a patient; and
a height adjusting device operable to support a stretcher, the height adjusting device mounted displaced laterally from the examination aperture.

23. (New) The medical system of claim 22 further comprising:
a load-bearing support arm rotatable about an axis through the height-adjusting device; and

a stretcher guide mounted to the support arm.

24. (New) The system of claim 22, further comprising:

a second a height adjusting device mounted displaced laterally from the aperture.

25. (New) The system of claim 24 further comprising:

a second load-bearing support arm rotatable about an axis through the second height-adjusting device; and

a second stretcher guide mounted to the second load-bearing support arm,

26. (New) The system of claim 22, further comprising

a stretcher guide adapted to slidably receive the stretcher, the stretcher guide connected with the height adjusting device.

27. (New) The system of claim 25, further comprising

a stretcher guide adapted to slidably receive the stretcher, the stretcher guide connected with the load-bearing support arm;

wherein the stretcher guide and the second stretcher guide are adapted such that the stretcher may be transferred between the stretcher guide and the second stretcher guide while remaining in continuous contact with at least one of the stretcher guide and the second stretcher guide.

28. (New) A device for supporting a patient with respect to a computer tomography device, comprising:

a load-bearing support arm rotatable about a vertical axis;

a stretcher guide mounted to the support arm; and

means for adjusting the height of the stretcher guide,

wherein the means for adjusting is mounted displaced laterally from an examination aperture in the computer tomography device